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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES METAL'NIKOV'S EFFORTS TO PUT
PROPOSED EXCHANGE BACK ON THE TRACKS FOR AUGUST 17-30
SCHEDULE. YOU SHOULD FIRMLY MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS AT ONCE
TO SCST AT LEVEL EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE:

--- THIS EXCHANGE HAS BEEN PLANNED UNDER THE PROVISIONS
(SECTION III, PARA 6I) OF THE APRIL 11, 1972 US-USSR GENERAL
AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGES, AND PURSUANT TO THE AIDE-MEMOIRE
(EX-10) PROVIDED TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY ON MARCH 8, 1974.
AS SUCH, DELEGATION MEMBERS ARE NOT TOURISTS AND WARRANT
THE SAME TREATMENT WHICH HOST SOVIET ORGANIZATION NORMALLY
EXTENDS TO DELEGATIONS UNDER OFFICIAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

--- WE HAVE NOT IN THE PAST ACCEPTED INTOURIST, OR INTOURIST
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AFFILIATED TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH US DELEGATIONS. WE

DO NOT FEEL THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE OFFICIAL CHARACTER OF THE EXCHANGES CONDUCTED UNDER THE VARIOUS COOPERATIVE US-USSR AGREEMENTS OR, IN THIS CASE, THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGES. WE THEREFORE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT TRAVEL ARRANGED THROUGH INTOURIST OR ITS AFFILIATES.

--- WE ASSUME, THEREFORE, THAT SOVIETS WILL MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS CUSTOMARY FOR OFFICIAL EXCHANGES SO THAT, AFTER MUCH WORK ON BOTH SIDES, EXCHANGE CAN TAKE PLACE ON SCHEDULE.

2. FYI. DELEGATION HAS PLANNED TO LEAVE WASHINGTON EVENING OF AUGUST 15, SPENDING WEEKEND IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS. KISSINGER

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